RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 10th December, 1996/
19th Agrahayana 1918 (Saka) The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, yesterday another Minister was not present and another Minister replied in the House. This has become a habit with them, not to be in Delhi when the Parliament session is on. This issue was raised by hon. Members on that side and on this side. We should put a stop to this practice. When the Ministers know there is Parliament session, why should they go away?

MR. CHAIRMAN: . Q.Nos., 261 and 264 relate to the same subject-Malaria. Therefore, I am clubbing them together. Q. No. 261, Shri Rahasbihari Barik. The hon. Member is absent. Q. No. 264, Prof. Ram Kapse.

SHRI YOGINDRA K. ALAGH: Sir,...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, is he a General Power of Attorney holder? Whosoever Minister is absent, he replies.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: They are sure that you are going to support them in any case.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: That is a different matter. Do not provoke me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think this Minister was deputed to accompany the President of Kazakhstan. That is why he is not present.

Growing Number of Malaria Incidents in Orissa

*261. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing malaria incidents in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the National Malaria Eradication Programme is not being implemented effectively in the State; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to eradicate malaria from Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE. MINSITRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY- (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Malaria is endemic in the state of Orissa and there has been an increased incidence of the disease during the period January to October 1996 as compared to the same period last year. The State Government has reported that due to financial constraints they are unable to effectively implement the programme as per the guidelines under the National Malaria Eradication Programme.

(c) The National Malaria Eradication Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50 : 50 Cost Sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The implementation of the programme is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central share is essentially in the form of supply of insecticides and drugs. the entire operational cost is to be borne,by the States.

Questions Nos. 261 and 264 were clubbed together.

(d) The following steps are being taken to intensify control of Malaria in the country including the State of Orissa:

—Insecticides and drugs for undertaking verctor control measures and treatment are being provided in keepirrgwith the State's instructions to manufacturers.

—Technical assistance of the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme is also given to all States including Orissa.

—Experts from the Central Malaria Control Directorate have been visiting the affected districts of the State to guide the health authorities right from 1995. In 1996 the Malaria experts have visited the State in June and again September and given detailed reports to the State Malaria authorities for taking remedial action.

—Surveillance machinery at the State level is reported to have been geared up for early detection of cases and taking remedial measures.

—A Malaria Control Project with support from World Bank to intensify Control Meaures in malaria-endemic and tribal/ backward areas of the country including Orissa is currently under formulation.

Falciparum Malaria

*264. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the appearance of P. Falciparum Malaria in the-Country;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that P. Falciparum malaria has again reappeared in Thane District;

Question Nos. 261 and 264 were clubbed together.

(c) what are the Taluka-wise details of reappearance of P. Falciparum Malaria in recent six months;

(d) whether Government propose to • intensify Malaria Eradication Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI. YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House. Statement

(a) and (b) Government is aware of prevalence of P. falciparum Malaria in the country including Thane District of Maharashtra.

(c) Taluka-wise details of P. falciparum Malaria cases in Thane district of Maharashtra .during May to October, 1996 are annexed as Statement-I. *(see* below).

(d) and (e) The National Malaria Eradication Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented in the country including the State of Maharashtra on 50:50 sharing basis of expenditure between the Centre and the States. The share of the Centre is essentially in the form of supply of insecticides and drugs. The entire operational cost is, however, to be borne by the States.

The steps being taken by the Governmnt to intensify Malaria Eradication Programme, inter-alia, include:

1. Adequate quantity of Insecticides and Drugs are being supplied to the Government of Maharashtra.

2. For the first time, the new generation Insecticides viz. Synthetic Pyrethriod was supplied to the Government of Maharashtra during 1996 for insecticidal spraying in triple resistant areas in the State.